

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claim will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

- 1 1. (currently amended) A method for processing a paper expense receipt using a computer  
2 system comprising the steps of:  
3 receiving at a computer input device the paper expense receipt from an individual  
4 incurring an expense;  
5 receiving on a computer processor an electronic image of the expense receipt from the  
6 computer input device;  
7 processing the electronic image to obtain expense data;  
8 populating an electronic expense report with the expense data; ~~and~~  
9 displaying the electronic expense report to the individual; and  
10 wherein the position of the expense data on the expense receipt is not predefined for the  
11 computer system.
- 12 2. (previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the computer input device is a portable  
13 scanner, digital camera, facsimile machine, personal digital assistant camera, telephone camera  
14 or communicator camera.
- 1 3. (deleted)
- 1 4. (deleted)

1 5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of processing the electronic image is  
2 further comprised of the steps of:  
3 using character recognition software to obtain text data from the electronic image;  
4 parsing the text data to search for expense data.

1 6. (deleted)

2 7. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the expense data is date of expense, expense  
3 amount, vendor name, payment method or vendor address.

1 8. (previously amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:  
2 receiving additional data;  
3 modifying the electronic expense report with the additional data;  
4 displaying the modified electronic expense report to the individual; and  
5 storing the modified expense report in non-volatile memory.

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1 12. (deleted)

1 13. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of encrypting the electronic  
2 image.

1 14. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of encrypting the expense  
2 report.

- 1 15. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the computer applies a set of expense rules to the  
2 expense data.
- 1 16. (deleted)
- 1 17. (deleted)
- 1 18. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the expense report and receipt image are displayed  
2 simultaneously.
- 1 19. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the expense report, a list of scanned receipts, and  
2 receipt image are displayed simultaneously.
- 1 20. (previously deleted)
- 1 21. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of checking for duplicate  
2 receipts.
- 1 22. (deleted)

1 23. (currently amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions for controlling a  
2 computer system to perform a method for storing a paper expense receipt comprising the steps  
3 of:

4 receiving at a computer input device the paper expense receipt from an individual  
5 incurring an expense;

6 receiving on a computer processor an electronic image of the expense receipt;

7 processing the electronic image to obtain expense data;

8 populating an electronic expense report with the expense data; and

9 displaying the electronic expense report to the individual; and

10 wherein the position of the expense data on the expense receipt is not predefined for the  
11 computer system.

1 24. (previously amended) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the computer  
2 input device is a portable scanner, digital camera, facsimile machine, personal digital assistant  
3 camera, telephone camera or communicator camera.

1 25. (deleted)

2 26. (deleted)

1 27. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the step of processing the  
2 electronic image is further comprised of the steps of:

3 using character recognition software to obtain text data from the electronic image;

4 parsing the text data to search for expense data.

1 28. (deleted)

1 29. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense data is comprised  
2 of date of expense, expense amount, vendor name, payment method or vendor address.

1 30. (previously amended) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the method  
2 further comprises the steps of:

3 receiving additional data;

4 modifying the electronic expense report with the additional data;

5 displaying the modified electronic expense report to the individual; and

6 storing the modified expense report in non-volatile memory.

1 31. (deleted)

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1 35. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 further comprising the step of  
2 encrypting the electronic image.

1 36. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 further comprising the step of  
2 encrypting the expense report.

1 37. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the computer applies a set of  
2 expense rules to the expense data.

1 38. (deleted)

2 39. (deleted)

1 40. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense report and  
2 receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1 41. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense report, a list of  
2 scanned receipts, and receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1 42. (previously deleted)

1 43. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the method is further  
2 comprised of the step of checking for duplicate receipts.

1 44. (deleted)

1 45. (currently amended) A computer system for processing a paper expense receipt comprised  
2 of:

3 a computer input device for receiving the paper expense receipt from an individual  
4 incurring an expense, and creating an electronic image of the receipt;

5 a computer processor in communication with the computer input device;

6 a software module operating on the computer processor for processing the electronic  
7 image to obtain expense data;

8 a software module operating on the computer processor for filling in an expense report  
9 with the expense data; ~~and~~

10 a display in communication with the computer on which the expense report is displayed  
11 to the individual; and

12 wherein the position of the expense data on the expense receipt is not predefined for the  
13 computer system.

1 46. (deleted)

1 47. (previously amended) The system of claim 45 wherein the computer input device is a  
2 scanner, digital camera, facsimile machine, personal digital assistant camera, telephone camera  
3 or communicator camera.

1 48. (deleted)

1 49. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the software module for processing the electronic  
2 image is further comprised of:

3 a character recognition software module to obtain text data from the electronic image;

4 a parsing software module for parsing the text data to search for expense data.

1 50. (deleted)

1 51. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense data is comprised of date of expense,  
2 expense amount, vendor name, payment method or vendor address.

1 52. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising a second input device for receiving  
2 additional data to modify the expense report.

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1 56. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising a software module operating on the  
2 computer processor for encrypting the electronic image.

1 57. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising a software module for applying a set of  
2 expense rules to the expense data and expense report.

1 58. (deleted)

1 59. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense report and receipt image are  
2 displayed simultaneously.

1 60. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense report, a list of scanned receipts, and  
2 receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1 61. (previously deleted)

1 62. (currently amended) The system of claim 45 further comprising ~~further comprising a~~  
2 software module to check for duplicate receipts.

1 63. (deleted)